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**New Haven, CT, Yale University, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Mellon MS 42**

*Description:* ff. 153 + xiv - Original black morocco, the sides outlined with blind rules, gilt stamp of a lion passant on each cover, back with six raised bands, a flower ornament gold-stamped in each compartment of the backstrip, modern leather label now detached, original edges gilt and stamped, no traces of clasps and catches; backstrip repaired. - Denis Duveen, acquired from Dr. Ernst Weil (bookseller), London; Mellon MS 64, acquired with the Duveen collection. Gift of Paul and Mary Mellon, 1965. - Witten, Laurence C. and Pachella, Richard. *Alchemy and the Occult: A Catalogue of Books and Manuscripts from the Collection of Paul and Mary Mellon*. Volume Three: Manuscripts, Mellon MS 42.

*Notes:* -Manuscript on paper of Ioannes Fornerius Montalbanensis, *De lapide philosophorum libellus ex antiquorum codicibus compilatus*, anno 1572, with the beginning of a second book of text, left incomplete. Toward the close of Book I are found Greek and Latin versions of Hermes, *Tabula smaragdina*. Very likely a holograph of the author, Jean Fournier de Montauban, fl. 1555-1572.

*Number of Parts:* 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

*Direct Link:* [http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/MellonMS42\\_47](http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/MellonMS42_47)

*Language:* Latin; Greek *Country:* France *Century:* 16th

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**Part 1:**

*Description:* - paper - 147 x 100 (113 x 75) mm.

*Country:* France

*Region:* France (Toulouse?)

*Assigned Date:* 1572.

*Dated by scribe:* No

*Document:* No

*Cardinal point:*

*City:*

*Searchable Date Range:* 1572 - 1572

*Inscribed Date:*

*Number of Scribes:*

*Script:* Written by a single hand in a good humanistic italic sloping a little to the right.

*Notes:* Occasional fairly good drawings of apparatus by the copyist, as on ff. 63v-64v, 70v-72v, and 77r-80r. Binding: Original black morocco, the sides outlined with blind rules, gilt stamp of a lion passant on each cover, back with six raised bands, a flower ornament gold-stamped in each compartment of the backstrip, modern leather label now detached, original edges gilt and stamped, no traces of clasps and catches; backstrip repaired.

*Number of Texts:* 1

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**Text 1:**

*Author:* Fournier de Montauban, Jean.

*Title:* *De lapide philosophorum libellus ex antiquorum codicibus compilatus* 1572, including Hermes, *Tabula smaragdina*.

*Subjects:* Hermes, Trismegistus.; Fournier de Montauban, Jean.; Alchemy--Early works to 1800.; Drawing--16th century.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.;

*Language(s):* Latin; Greek